



# Grain Belt Express

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March 21, 2022

NATALIE P. ROSEBERRY  
121 E. WASHINGTON STREET  
PITTSFIELD, IL 62363

**RE: Grain Belt Express Transmission Project  
Pike County, IL  
Notice of public meeting – Phase 3**

Dear Clerk Natalie P. Roseberry,

In accordance with 2020 ILCS5/8-406, Invenergy Transmission LLC, an affiliate of Invenergy LLC, hereby provides notice to the Pike County Clerk of the final of three phases ("Phase 3") of public meetings for the Grain Belt Express project. The Phase 3 meeting will be conducted on **Tuesday, April 12, 2022, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Pike Senior Citizen Center at 220 W Adams St, Pittsfield, IL 62363**. The Phase 3 meeting follows the Phase 2 meeting held in March 2022. Throughout all phases of the routing process, all landowner input has been evaluated.

Enclosed with this letter are copies of the public meeting advertisements that will be published in the *Pike County Express* on March 23<sup>rd</sup>, March 30<sup>th</sup>, and April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022, as well as a copy of the routes considered in your county.

## **Project Background**

Grain Belt Express is a proposed long-distance transmission line that will carry more affordable, reliable power to consumers in Illinois and other states, connecting more Americans to domestic, clean electricity sources. The project is expected to be built at no cost to Illinois consumers.

In 2018, Invenergy Transmission LLC ("Invenergy Transmission") signed an agreement to buy the Grain Belt Express project from Clean Line Energy Partners. In early 2020, Invenergy Transmission became the full and sole owner of the Grain Belt Express project. Invenergy Transmission is an affiliate of Invenergy, an Illinois-based company with a successful track record building clean energy projects. Invenergy Transmission and Invenergy have no affiliation with Clean Line Energy Partners.

Having secured project siting approvals in the three other states where the project is located (Kansas, Missouri, and Indiana), Grain Belt Express is now preparing to pursue state regulatory approval before the Illinois Commerce Commission. As part of this process Grain Belt Express is seeking input through public meetings on a Primary Route and Alternate Route that will run approximately 200 miles through Central Illinois, from Pike County on the Mississippi River to Clark County on the Indiana state line. The Primary and Alternate Routes currently under consideration are depicted on the map. You will note that the Alternate Route on which we are now focused incorporates what was previously labeled the "updated Alternate Route segments" during our Phase 2 meetings. **The Primary Route is Invenergy Transmission's preferred route for the project.**

Extensive landowner input is essential to developing the best possible route proposal. All landowner input has been considered and evaluated throughout this process. The Alternate Route has been updated based on input and other routing criteria gathered during the public meeting series. Where updated route segments



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impact new parcels, we have contacted relevant landowners to notify them. The Primary Route is substantially similar to that presented to the Illinois Commerce Commission in 2015 when Clean Line Energy Partners previously applied for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity in Illinois. The enclosed map illustrates the general pathway for the routes in your county. More detailed maps will be available for review during the Phase 3 public meeting, which in some cases, depict minor adjustments under consideration to the routes that are too small to display accurately on the enclosed overview maps. Grain Belt staff will be available to discuss those (and all other) adjustments under consideration at the Phase 3 public meeting.

## Public Meeting Process

We previously notified you of the public meeting for Phase 1, held in February, and the Phase 2 public meeting held in March 2022. We are now noticing the expected final meeting (Phase 3) in this series of public meetings in your county.

The purpose of the Phase 3 meeting is to provide landowners with an update on the routing process and to receive additional input on their properties. The Phase 3 meeting will be an open house format and attendees can come and go as they please. No formal presentation will be given during the meeting. Your safety is important to us. Accordingly, the meeting will be conducted in a manner consistent with current applicable COVID-19 guidance from federal, state, and local authorities. Any persons that are medically at-risk or otherwise do not feel comfortable attending in person are encouraged to participate virtually, along with those who may need to isolate due to COVID or other reasons at the time of the meeting. The self-paced, virtual meeting will be available between April 4 and April 15, 2022, and will be accessible on [www.GrainBeltExpress.com](http://www.GrainBeltExpress.com).

## Powering Economic Growth in Illinois

In Illinois, Grain Belt Express will support an estimated 2,200 jobs during construction, bring at least \$1.2 billion in new economic activity to Illinois, and provide \$33 million in new revenue for local governments in the first 20 years. Once completed, the line will deliver cost savings and improve reliability for consumers across the region.

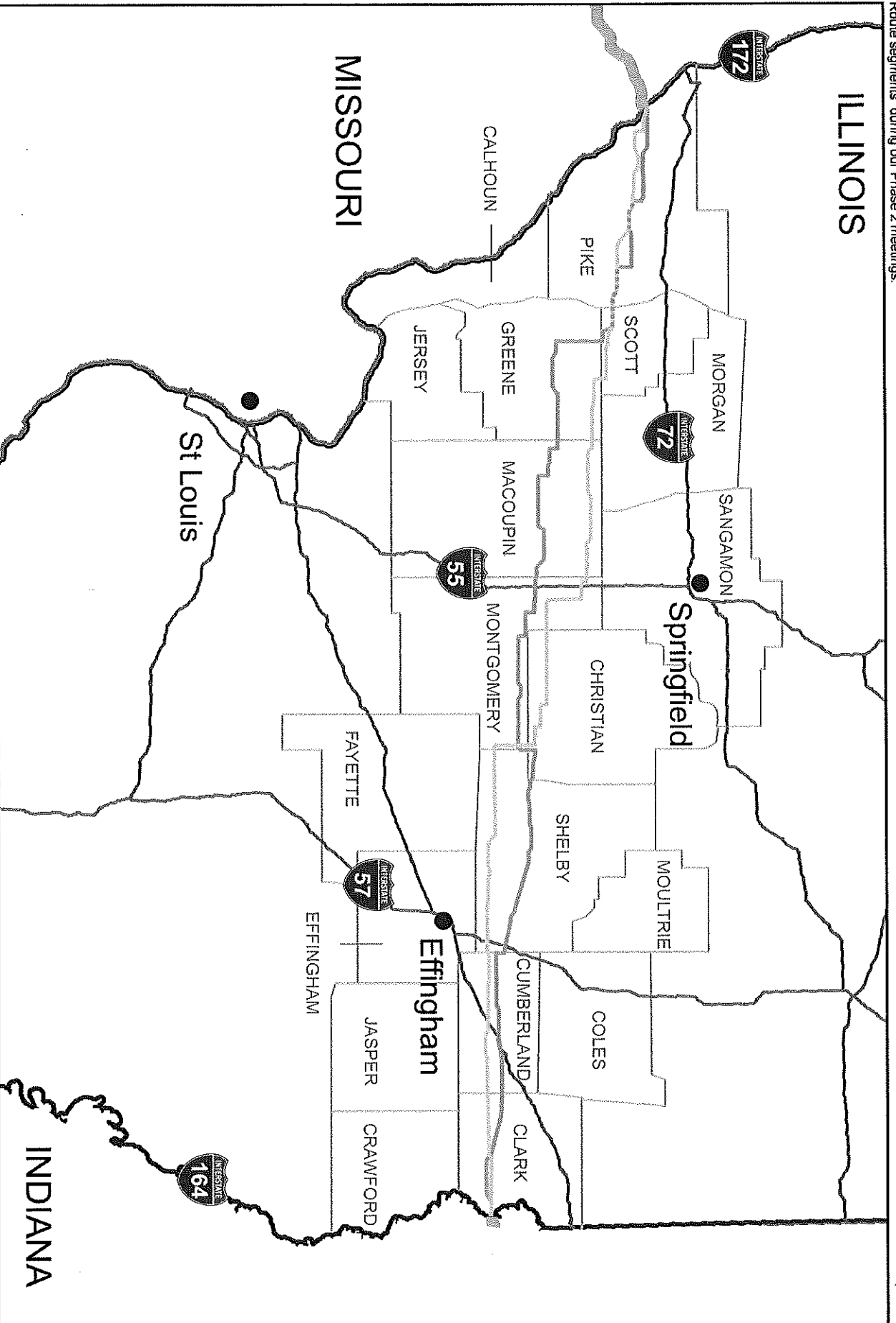
For additional information about the project, visit our website at [www.GrainBeltExpress.com](http://www.GrainBeltExpress.com), leave a message on our hotline at 866.452.4082, or email us at [connect@GrainBeltExpress.com](mailto:connect@GrainBeltExpress.com). Additionally, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at [pwhitty@invenergy.com](mailto:pwhitty@invenergy.com) or 515.988.3650. Thank you in advance for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Patrick Whitty  
Vice President  
Invenergy Transmission

Enclosures:  
Phase 3 Illinois State Route Map  
Phase 3 Pike County Route Map  
Phase 3 Newspaper Advertisements - Placement 1, 2, and 3


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 Primary Route

 Primary and Alternate Route shared alignment

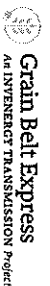
 Neighboring States Route

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Routes shown on this map are general illustrative purposes only and are subject to change. Map date 2022-03-14

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# The Grain Belt Express: *Delivering on Our Promise*

Building Grain Belt Express the right way, starts with extensive input from local communities and landowners.

Thank you to all who have participated in public meetings. The Grain Belt Express Team encourages all interested parties to attend our upcoming final public meeting.

The proposed long-distance transmission line will carry affordable and reliable power to Illinois, and beyond. All built at no cost to Illinois consumers.

Illinois-based Invenergy is ready to deliver on our promise, providing:

- \$1.2 billion in new economic activity for Illinois
- \$33 million in new revenue to local governments
- 2,200 direct jobs during construction
- Landowner benefits that exceed industry standards

## **How do I know if I'm impacted?**

Landowners along the routes being considered have been notified by mail. To learn more about the project, visit [GrainBeltExpress.com/Illinois](http://GrainBeltExpress.com/Illinois).

*“This is a company that knows how to do things the right way. I am confident that Grain Belt Express landowners will be treated with the same respect and fairness Invenergy showed to me and my property.”*

Stephanie, Invenergy Landowner | Danville, IL



## **We Want to Hear from You!**

### **Grain Belt Express Public Meeting**

**April 12, 2022 | 5 PM - 7 PM**

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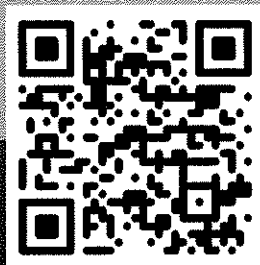
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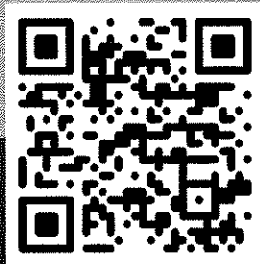
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